

## RICKERT & WELLS INTERESTED

Our Leading Druggists Have Combined  
With One Thousand Other Druggists  
Who are Leaders of the Drug Business in the United States.

One thousand retail druggists who are the leaders of the drug trade of the United States, and that means the world, rated by Bradstreet and Duns at twenty million dollars and whose retail business aggregates over seventy million dollars annual sales, have agreed to give their name, financial backing and endorsement to the guarantee that Rexall Muc-Tone will cure any disease or trouble arising from catarrh or they will refund the money. Rickert & Wells, our local druggists, say they are proud of their connection with the Rexall Remedies, particularly so of Muc-Tone, and when asked why, stated that a remedy must be something out of the ordinary to get their backing. "It is not all profit," said Mr. Wells, of Rickert & Wells, "that leads us and our one thousand associates into endorsing this remedy; it is our years of experience with medicines and our knowledge of them that makes us believe that Rexall Muc-Tone is a bona-fide discovery for the cure of all ailments due to catarrhal affection. We know that it is not a cure-all, but a remedy built on scientific lines and not a patent medicine, as each one of the one thousand druggists know its formula and its value. It has one great additional value besides curing constitutional catarrh—that it is a system-builder. No such tonic was ever before designed for the curing of inflammation of the mucous membrane—nor can it be improved on in the present age. Just stop and reason with yourself for one minute. We are doing business right here in your midst. Could we afford to offer our name and endorsement to Muc-Tone, as we do, if we did not know that it was an honest medicine? Could we afford to agree, as we do, that we will refund every penny paid us for the medicine if it does not benefit?"

"All we ask is the customer's word and the empty bottle and we hand the money back. No signed certificate. We believe the public, especially the sick, are honest. Certainly every sick person who suffers from any of the following ailments should take advantage of our offer today: Rexall Muc-Tone cures catarrh of the nose, throat, stomach, intestines, liver, kidneys or bladder, and any who are convalescing from sickness of any kind should take advantage of our offer and purchase what we recommend as the best tonic ever sold in a drug store. We have a large trial size at fifty cents and we guarantee it or refund your money."—Rickert & Wells, Druggists.

## RUSSIAN LOAN IS HELD PENDING A PFACE TALK

Leading St. Petersburg Bankers Have  
Received Word From Paris and  
Berlin Correspondents.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 17.—The Daily News publishes the following cable dispatch from Stanley Washburn, its correspondent at St. Petersburg:

"Leading bankers here have received from representatives of Paris and Brussels firms information that negotiations for the Russian loan, which was intended to be floated in March, have been suspended on account of the peace pact, which, they believe, will be begun in the spring.

"The strike spirit is still active in the Baku region, and is spreading in Poland, where the laborers are openly demanding national independence.

"Nearly all the professional schools and the universities will be closed until fall. Gen. Grodekoff, former governor-general of Manchuria, is prominently mentioned as Kuropatkin's successor. Gen. Soukhotin and Gen. Soukhoniloff are also spoken of."

### THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

State Board to Distribute Copies of  
Pure Food Law.

Burlington, Feb. 17.—Dr. H. D. Holton of Brattleboro, secretary of the state board of health, was in this city yesterday afternoon and visited the state laboratory. He will begin next week to send out copies of the pure food law passed by the legislature, together with the regulations as to its enforcement arranged by the board. The pamphlet will be sent to 8,744 persons, including town and village clerks, local boards of health, town and city officers and as far as possible to every dealer in any kind of produce in Vermont.

Dr. Holton spoke in Castleton Wednesday evening with the board of agriculture, and last night spoke at Brandon. He reports that there is no epidemic in the state of any contagious disease.

### FIREMEN EXPECT NO STRIKE.

Put Poll Is Reported on the New  
Haven.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 17.—Although no answer has been received from the directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, who held a conference with a committee of members of the Brotherhood of Firemen employed by the railroad, it is said that the firemen are already polling the system to be ready for immediate action when the reply is forthcoming. Members of the firemen's committee don't expect a strike.

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**Laxative Bromo Quinine**  
Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days  
on every  
**E. H. Brown** box, 25c

## RUSSIANS DRIVEN BACK

Their Last Assault Was a  
Failure

### WAS MADE WEDNESDAY

Cavalry Raid Proved Without Avail  
Against Japanese — More Peace  
Talk Abroad — New Russian  
Loan Suspended.

Tokio, Feb. 17.—The following dispatch was received this morning from the headquarters of the Japanese armies in Manchuria:

"In the direction of the Shakhe river our artillery, Feb. 14, bombarded Chien-sunpaotzu and set fire to that village. The enemy's artillery in the neighborhood of Sanchongtz mountain replied.

"During the night of Feb. 14 a section of the enemy's infantry attacked Waitao mountain, and at dawn Feb. 15 a battalion attacked Waitao mountain, but the Russians were entirely repulsed.

"In the direction of Chitaitzu in the morning of Feb. 15, 500 of the enemy's cavalry advanced into Santais from Shengtaimen, three miles northwest of Chitaitzu. Another force of cavalry advanced south along the right bank of the Hun river, Feb. 14, and passed the night in the neighborhood of Chenchiauwatzu, placing outposts in the vicinity of Kavehangtzu. Before the arrival of our detachment dispatched to dislodge the enemy his force began to retreat north. Our detachment, quickly pursuing him toward Heiyukou, inflicted some damage. The enemy's artillery, taking up a position in the neighborhood of Wanchiaoweng, covered his retreat. The enemy's strength was about 10 squadrons of cavalry and artillery."

## MUCH TALKED OF PEACE IN FOREIGN CIRCLES NOW

Some Go so Far as to Say That End  
Will Come Inside of Next  
Fortnight.

New York, Feb. 17.—The Sun has the following cable from London:

The Exchange Telegraph company says that rumors of the early conclusion of peace between Japan and Russia were widely prevalent last evening in the lobbies of Parliament. Some quarters go so far as to express the belief that peace will be concluded within two weeks.

### Orient Liner Goes Ashore.

London, Feb. 16.—A dispatch from Perth, West Australia, states that the Orient liner Oriaba, with passengers and mail for Sydney, N. S. W., is ashore on an island off the mainland near Perth. The British cruiser Katoomb has gone to aid of the steamer.

### WANTS DISSOLUTION.

Mr. Chamberlain's View — The Fiscal  
Proposals.

London, Feb. 17.—In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, speaking on Herbert Asquith's amendment to the address in reply to the King's speech, which amendment is that the time has come to submit the fiscal question to a vote of the people, said he would repeat there an opinion he had expressed on the outside, namely, that the sooner a dissolution of Parliament comes the better. But his fiscal proposals were those of a private member of the House, and as such could not be treated as grounds for dissolution.

### LOUISE REASSURED.

King Victor Will Not Help Deprive Her  
of Her Child.

Paris, Feb. 17.—Gil Blass understands that the King of Italy has informed the Countess Montignoso, formerly the Crown Princess Louise of Saxony, that he will not allow the King of Saxony to remove her infant daughter, Monica, from her custody. It is said that the King of Saxony applied personally to King Victor Emmanuel, but that the Italian king refused to interfere in the matter.

### PRUSSIA TO BUY COAL MINES.

To Control Syndicate, Not to Nationalize.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—The upper house of the Prussian Diet has adopted the bill for state purchase of the Hibernia coal mines. The minister of commerce announced that he and the finance minister were thoroughly opposed to any general nationalization of coal mines, but that the nationalization of the Hibernia mines were necessary in order to give the government power over the coal syndicate.

### A Guaranteed Cure for Piles.

Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding  
Piles. Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure you in 6 to 14 days. Fifty cents.

### FRENCH OFFICIAL ARRESTED.

Sent From Paris to Congo to Face  
Charges.

Paris, Feb. 17.—Considerable interest has been excited by the arrest here, while on a vacation, and the sending back to the French Congo of an important colonial official, M. Toques, who will be called upon to answer serious allegations of ill-treatment of natives. The case recalls the notorious Girard affair in the same colony, which fell through owing to the contradictory evidence of native witnesses.



JOHN C. ROWAN.

## Rheumatism.

Prof. E. E. Phelps, of Dartmouth University, the discoverer of the formula of Paine's Celery Compound, always maintained that rheumatism could be traced back to diseased nerves that failed to do their work properly.

Bear this in mind while reading the letter of John C. Rowan that follows.

Mr. Rowan wrote us over 10 years ago telling us how much he was being helped by Paine's Celery Compound. We wrote him a short time ago to find out if he still relied on Paine's Celery Compound.

"Yours of the 2d inst. is at hand, and in reply would say that I have never had any cause to change my opinion as to the good qualities of Paine's Celery Compound. As you are aware, some ten years or thereabouts ago, I was a martyr to rheumatism, and suffered intense pain with it in my knees; could not rest at night, but walked the floor with pain.

"All manner of remedies were tried; some gave me temporary relief, others have had no effect whatever.

"Now, my reasons for taking Paine's Celery Compound in preference to other remedies was that on an occasion once before I had taken two bottles of Paine's Celery Compound and was relieved so much that I did not take any more at that time, after my experience with other remedies which did me no good. Later, I was positive then that I had not given Paine's Celery Compound a fair trial to cure me absolutely of rheumatism.

"I concluded to take twelve bottles, and I did so, and I can assure you that you have a compound that is honest, and a sure destroyer of rheumatism.

"I have found it so, for up to this present date I have never felt any symptoms of rheumatism. I take it every spring, but for the blood only.

"Now, we have a remarkable case here in one of our schools, the janitor, Mr. William Garlow. He is a man between seventy and seventy-five years of age.

"He had suffered very much with rheumatism, so he felt he must give up his position. I had frequently recommended Paine's Celery Compound to him, and, like myself, he had taken one or two bottles of it, but did not give it a fair trial. I informed him of my case, and said: 'Try a dozen bottles, and it will convince you that my statement is correct.' He purchased five bottles; one he kept at the school, so he could take it as directions call for. Now he is well and feeling better than he has for years, and is a strong supporter of Paine's Celery Compound. His address is, William Garlow, Oakdale avenue, or Humboldt High School.

"Others have asked if it is a fact that Paine's Celery Compound has done so much for me and keeps me so healthy.

"That and the way I live have been the cause. At the time I had the rheumatism I was affected with catarrh. You can be assured I shall always be a friend of Paine's Celery Compound, for I am indebted to it—a debt I can never pay. You can refer to me and use this letter as you see fit in the cause of Paine's Celery Compound. I am, yours truly,"—John C. Rowan, 137 East Winifred street, St. Paul, Minn.

When you are sick in some part of your body it is because some organ is not doing its work. That is because THE NERVES ARE NOT STRONG ENOUGH to keep that organ up to its work.

The better the Nerve Force the better all the organs can work and give perfect health.

Paine's Celery Compound feeds the nerves—restores them to their strength—gives them new power to send vitality and health to every part of your body, new courage to your heart, new animation to your brain.

Remember this—Paine's Celery Compound is the prescription of one of the most famous physicians this country has ever known, Prof. E. E. Phelps, of Dartmouth University.

All reputable druggists recommend and sell Paine's Celery Compound.

WELLS, RICHARDSON & CO.  
BURLINGTON, VERMONT.

### WORK AT MILFORD QUARRY.

The Pink Granite Co. Resumes Operations After Ten Weeks' Idleness.

Milford, Feb. 17.—The west quarry of the Milford Pink Granite Co., on Cedar street, of which George Otis Draper of Hopdale is a large owner, has resumed business, with a gang of thirty men. The business has been entirely closed ten weeks. G. B. Gibson, a former manager of the Milford Quarry Co., is the new superintendent.

The quarry is to begin work at once on a \$150,000 contract for stone on the agricultural buildings at Washington. Quarrymen, stonecutters and blacksmiths are to be put to work, and other workmen will be gradually added.

### CHURCH CHANGES ITS FAITH.

A Remarkable Occurrence In East  
Brookfield.

East Brookfield, Mass., Feb. 17.—The Congregational church in this town has changed its faith by unanimous vote and has united with the Episcopal church diocese of western Massachusetts. Following the vote of the four hundred members of the church a petition for this union was sent to the proper committee of the diocese and was accepted by that committee. The society owns a large and handsome church building and is free from debt. This is believed to be the first time in this country that so large a church body has changed its faith without division among its members.

## PROTOCOL IS MADE PUBLIC

President Explains Position  
on San Domingo

### HIS ONLY POSSIBLE WAY

Other Nations Could Not Be Trusted  
to Collect Money Owed Them —  
Monroe Doctrine Is  
Upheld.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The Senate in executive session yesterday made public the "Protocol of an agreement between the United States and the Dominican Republic, providing for the collection and disbursement by the United States of the customs revenues of the Dominican Republic, signed on February 4, 1905," together with the message of the President which accompanied its transmission to the Senate.

The President in his message says that the condition in the republic of Santo Domingo has been growing steadily worse for many years, and foreign countries have felt themselves aggrieved because of the non payment of the debts due their citizens.

"The only way," the President says, "by which foreign creditors could ever obtain from the republic itself any guarantee of payment would be either by the acquisition of territory, outright or temporarily, or else by taking possession of the custom houses, which would, of course, be taking possession of a certain amount of territory.

"The United States government could not interfere to prevent such seizure and occupation of Dominican territory without either itself proposing some feasible alternative in the way of action, or else virtually saying to European governments that they would not be allowed to collect their claims."

In conclusion the President says: "I call attention to the urgent need of prompt action on this matter. We have now great peace and stability in the island, without friction or bloodshed by acting in accordance with the cordial invitation of the government themselves.

"It will be unfortunate from every standpoint if we fail to grasp this opportunity, for such failure will probably mean increasing revolutionary violence in Santo Domingo and very possible embarrassing complications in addition.

"This proposal affords a practical test of the efficiency of the United States in maintaining the Monroe Doctrine."

### HOUSE TO SENATE.

Sends Back Amendment to Wheat Draw-  
back Bill.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Mr. Payne, (Rep., N. Y.), leader of the majority of the House of Representatives, rising to a question of privilege, offered the following resolution yesterday:

"That Amendment No. 2,208, added by the Senate to House bill 18,329, in the opinion of this House contravenes the first clause of the seventh section of the first article of the Constitution of the United States and is an infringement of the privileges of this House, and that said bill, with the amendments, be returned to the Senate, with a message communicating this resolution."

This is the so-called Hansbrough amendment to the Agricultural Appropriation bill, and exempts flour ground from imported wheat from the privileges of drawback on the duties paid. The secretary of the treasury, on the authority of the Attorney-General that a drawback could be allowed on imported wheat, was about to promulgate regulations for carrying into effect the proposed practice.

The Payne resolution passed the House, 261 to 5.

### HOPES FOR THE RATE BILL.

Mr. Townsend Confers With the Pres-  
ident.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Representative Townsend of Michigan, one of the authors of the East-Townsend freight rate bill, had a talk with the President today regarding the prospects for the enactment of the measure into law. Mr. Townsend, who has canvassed the situation pretty thoroughly, expressed the opinion that there was a chance for the passage of the bill by the Senate at the present session. After his talk with the President, Mr. Townsend said that in the event no legislation on the rate question was enacted at this session an extraordinary session of Congress would be called by President Roosevelt for next autumn, perhaps in October.

### KEEP THEIR COUNSEL.

Oil Magnates Say Nothing as to Proposed Investigation.

New York, Feb. 17.—John D. Rockefeller, head of the Standard Oil company, who is now in Lakewood, N. J., has been informed of the action taken by the House of Representatives requesting the secretary of commerce and labor to investigate the crude oil and petroleum situation, with special reference to recent developments in the Kansas field. Mr. Rockefeller received the news with considerable interest, but declined to make any comment.

Officials of the company in this city also were disinclined to discuss the matter. H. H. Rogers said:

"In view of the limited information which has reached me and the fact that the Standard Oil company is already the subject of inquiry, I can say nothing regarding the matter. I am unacquainted with the nature of the investigation which has been set on foot. In any event I cannot see the propriety of a statement at this time."

## Hood's Pills

Act on the liver and bowels, cure biliousness, constipation, morning and sick headache, break up colds, relieve uncomfortable fullness after dinner. Painless cathartic. 25c.

**Peptiron**  
Pills Ironize the blood, tone the stomach, aid digestion, and give restful sleep. Especially beneficial in nervousness and anemia. Chocolate-coated, pleasant to take. Two sizes: 50c. and \$1. Druggists or mail, C. I. HOOD CO., Lowell, Mass.

### AGAIN ON A RAMPAGE.

Grogan Breaks Only Three Big Show  
Windows This Time.

New York, Feb. 17.—Within 24 hours after his release from prison, where he had served a sentence for smashing more than \$2,000 worth of plate glass windows, John Grogan yesterday returned to the scene of his escapade and started in to duplicate the feat of two months ago. He was not so successful this time, however, having broken only three of the large show windows when he was overpowered and again taken to a cell.

Two months ago Grogan appeared at the corner of Twenty-third street and Fourth avenue altogether nude and armed with a short iron crowbar. Running rapidly down the street, he swung the crowbar through every window for nearly a block before a policeman attacked him. Grogan then perched himself upon a heap of snow in the street, and by freely swinging his crowbar, defied arrest until more than a dozen policemen had reached the scene.

When he reached the place yesterday he was stripped to the waist, although the thermometer was near the zero mark, and had as a weapon of destruction half a brick in a stocking. He was traversing the same route which he took two months ago, swinging the brick through one window after another when a policeman crept up behind him and felled him with a night stick.

### LODGE ROOM DEDICATION.

Masons Open New Lodge Rooms at Water-  
bury With Banquet.

Waterbury, Feb. 17.—The Winooski Lodge, F. and A. M., and Eastern Star Lodge, celebrated the opening of their new lodge rooms in the opera house block Wednesday night. About 200 were present, including invited guests. There were toasts and speeches, after which a banquet was served.

The following toasts were responded to as follows: C. C. Graves, toastmaster: "An Appreciation," Rev. F. B. Kellogg: "Spirit of Fraternity," M. Chase: "Our Brethren of the Eastern Star," Mrs. D. D. Groat: "A Voice from the North East Corner," H. C. Whitehill: "Retrospect," Dr. D. D. Groat: "In Memoriam, Reminiscences of Our Departed Brethren," "Charter Members," Horace M. Bruce: "Renewed Interests in the Masonic Bodies," Mrs. Nellie Bates: "Ancient Operative Masonry," U. S. Modern Speculative Masonry," Judge E. W. Huntley: "Bonnie of the Eastern Star," Miss Lena Wallace: "Lodge of the Future," W. E. Clark: "Ruffianism as a Fine Art," L. C. Moody: "Higher Degrees," Dr. Foster.

The toastmaster also called upon William Deal, who had done the carpenter work in fitting up the three different lodge rooms they have occupied since organization in 1857. Horace Bruce was first master of the Winooski lodge, being instrumental in its organization. Music was furnished by the Ladies' Quartette and Orchestra of the Eastern Star Lodge.

### Headaches and Neuralgia from Colds

Laxative Bromo Quinine, the world wide Cold and Grip remedy, removes the cause. Call for the full name and look for signature of E. W. Grove, 25c.

### 565 Delinquents in St. Albans.

The list of delinquent taxpayers was turned in Wednesday and from present appearances there will be a remarkable and startling change in the list of voters unless there is some lively work done in settling. The present tax collector's books has the names of 565 representing people and estates, for taxes due from 1901 to 1905 inclusive, including the special school tax of 1903, which latter some people have refused to pay, claiming that it is illegal. Included in this list is of course a large number of "floaters," made up principally of railroad men and laborers whose stay in the city has been short. There are also quite a number, whose names if published, would surprise people.

## ITCHING HUMORS

Itching, burning, bleeding, and scaling of the skin and scalp is the condition of thousands of skin-tortured men, women, and children who may be instantly relieved and speedily cured by warm baths with  
**Cuticura Soap**  
and gentle applications of Cuticura Ointment, the great Skin Cure, when all else fails.